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In re Patent Application of:

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For: PROCESS FOR REMOVING WATER FROM
AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS OF PROTEINS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to the examination of the above application and calculation of fees, please amend the above-identified application as follows. If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any refund, to Deposit Account Number 04-0512.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.